

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of nucleic acid sequencing comprising the steps:

(a) amplifying a nucleic acid sample to produce an amplified DNA product;

(b) extending a sequencing primer bound to the DNA product in the presence of terminating nucleotide analogs to produce a collection of labeled nucleic acid products;

~~(c) detecting a total amount of label present in the collection to produce a measurement that is determined without performing a one or higher dimensional DNA size separation on the products; and~~

(c) detecting a total label present in the collection to produce a measurement, where the detecting step is decoupled from the extending step and does not perform a DNA size separation on the products; and

(d) combining a plurality of measurements to determine DNA sequence information about the sample.

Claim 2 (original): A method as described in Claim 1 wherein each measurement of a label corresponds to an amount of terminating nucleotide.

Claim 3 (original): A method as described in Claim 1 wherein the DNA sequence information corresponds to a length of the DNA sequence.

Claim 4 (original): A method as described in Claim 1 wherein the DNA sequence information corresponds to a plurality of bases in the DNA sequence.

Claims 5-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method as described in Claim 1, wherein after the combining step, the DNA sequence information is used ~~for criminal justice applications~~ to identify individuals.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method as described in Claim 1, wherein after the combining step, the DNA sequence information is ~~used in conjunction~~ compared with a DNA database of genetic polymorphisms.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A system for nucleic acid sequencing

comprising:

(a) **[[a]]** means for amplifying a nucleic acid sample to produce an amplified nucleic acid product;

(b) **[[a]]** means for extending a sequencing primer bound to the DNA product in the presence of terminating nucleotide analogs to produce a collection of labeled nucleic acid products, said extending means in connection with the amplified product;

~~(c) a means for detecting a total amount of label present in the collection to produce a measurement that is determined without performing a one or higher dimensional DNA size separation on the products, said detecting means in connection with the collection; and~~

(c) means for detecting a total label present in the collection to produce a measurement, where the detecting step is decoupled from the extending step and does not perform a DNA size separation on the products, said detecting means in connection with the collection; and

(d) **[[a]]** means for combining a plurality of measurements to determine DNA sequence information about the sample, said combining means in connection with the measurement.

Claim 12 (original): A system as described in Claim 11, wherein the amplifying means includes a PCR thermocycler, the extending means includes a chamber that permits DNA sequencing reactions to occur in the presence of terminating nucleotide analogs, the detecting means measures fluorescent or other labels that quantify an amount of DNA molecules, and the combining means includes a computing device with memory.

Claims 13-16 (canceled)